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Applicants: Chudoba et al.) Attorney reference: 25048-15
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

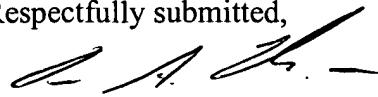
Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney has received the Final Office Action mailed 29 December 2000 with respect to the referenced application. It is noted that the Office Action contains an incomplete sentence in a section of the Action addressing a cited reference and the Examiner's reasoning for the Office Action. Specifically, on page 5, line 13, there is a sentence ending in "and are used to." The next sentence (last sentence in the paragraph) reads "Applicants [sic] method does specifically preclude this application."

Because the referenced incomplete sentence appears to omit at least part of the Examiner's reasoning for the Action, Applicants are currently without the benefit of the Examiner's reasoning. This is very significant, because the sentence following the incomplete sentence appears, as written, to contradict the remainder of the Examiner's statement.

It is therefore requested that a corrected Office Action be issued, with the error or omission corrected. Also, because Applicants may be prejudiced by the delay in receiving the complete Action, Applicants request that their time for response be re-set in accordance with the mailing of the corrected Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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